



**1103rd meeting of the
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**
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San Francisco, California

**An Interpretation of Token
Denominations: Examples from
Latin America**
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Please join us Wednesday March 26, 2008 to hear our new Society President, *Federico Castillo*, tells us about Latin American token denominations. Please remember to check the board in from of Building C for the exact room number.

1100th meeting. February 25, 2008 The David Cervin Project
Daniel Feldman (reviewed by *Herb Miles*)

Daniel, currently our youngest member at age 17, gave the membership a brief view of the "Cervin Project." Daniel explained that as a Young Numismatist, he has had the opportunity to attend the ANA Summer Seminar at least twice and to take part in achieving coins through several projects sponsored by ANA. The Cervin Project rewards his endeavors at educating himself and participating in numismatic activities with ancient coins.

In order to earn each coin, Daniel had to perform a series of actions or activities related to numismatic education. He must develop and exhibit a coin collection at a show or bank or other public place; attend a coin show, hold office in a coin club, speak at a coin club, publish a work on numismatics, work at a coin show, recruit new ANA members, and complete several Summer Seminar classes.

Daniel brought the pieces he has earned from completing the Cervin Project, coins donated by dealers such as Harlan J. Berk and others. Berk's donation was a magnificent tetradrachm and there were other notable coins, a Parthian silver piece, two antoninianus, a square silver piece from India, and several bronze issues.

This is a nice project for a young numismatist, or for any numismatist for that matter!

Exhibits

Federico brought several coffee tokens to share; 1 from Panama describing the amount as "1 Lata," a term unknown to Federico, another token which was a Mexican 2 centavos counterstruck with the initials of the coffee grower, an 1880s token from "La Pacifica" an old "finca" or farm (with some family connections), and a 10 centavos token from the "Hacienda de lo Guardia."

Michael Wehner exhibited his recent purchase of two \$50 platinum bullion pieces slabbed as Proof 70 Ultra Cameo and Reverse Proof 69 that should be sold soon...

Whalen described the work of John Sinnock, chief engraver of the US Mint during the 20th century, and designer of the Roosevelt dime, the 1926 Sesquicentennial Half Dollar where the Liberty Bell was used and which he reused on the reverse of the Franklin Half Dollar

beginning in 1948. Whalen also brought a silver spoon designed by Sinnock for the 1926 sesquicentennial fair where the Liberty Bell appears in the bowl as it appears on both half dollars, so Sinnock reused his design twice!

Scott exhibited two very nice slabbed pieces; an 1851 Mexican ½ real with prooflike fields, and a 1799 New York Associated Church white metal token, which was slabbed after a bit of a struggle with the slabbing firm.

Ken brought two ancient coins; a shekel of Tyre, one of the supposed 30 pieces of silver of Biblical fame, and a ½ shekel of Tyre. The shekel represented 4 days pay for a soldier and the ½ shekel was needed as a temple tax, thus if a husband and wife attended temple together, 1 shekel would pay for both of them. Apparently the money lenders who congregated in and around the temple exchanged Roman silver coins for shekels because the temple would not accept Roman silver, only the shekel so the money lenders would exchange shekels for Roman silver and make a bit of income on the transaction!

Ed Treuting finally has “come in from the cold” and exhibited a number of medals and tokens featuring lighthouses. Welcome Ed to the world of exonomia; you will not be sorry. Ed had vacationed in Oregon in late 2007 and among other activities, visited a few lighthouses. Naturally, there were medals and or tokens for sale, one featuring a lighthouse in Umpqua and one in Yakima. He also brought a Canadian \$20 silver proof picturing the oldest lighthouse in Canada, in Halifax; a centennial token from Atlantic City, New Jersey with the Absecon Light pictured, and the following coins or tokens all picturing lighthouses; an Uruguayan 1928 inauguration of the railroad medal, a Gibraltar 1995 coin, a Bailiwick of Jersey coin and a Barbados coin.

Herb brought a cased weight set featuring a complete set of grams, scruples, and grains along with a tweezers from the Chichester, Pennsylvania area and his one nice ancient coin, an Alexander the Great tetradrahm.

Future presentations:

April 2008: Jerry Schimmel or Scott Annechino

May 2008: Scott Annechino or Jerry Schimmel

June 2008: Annual Banquet

October 2008: Steve Huston

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Raffle

Ed won twice, a book; "Medallic Portraits of George Washington" and a Philippines 20 centavo coin.

Whalen took home a U.S. Army lapel pin featuring crossed swords, Cavalry perhaps?

Federico won a dog racing token from Miami, Florida.

And Daniel Feldman took home a 19th century San Francisco fiscal document.

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2008 Annual Papers Contest

The submittal date for the 2008 contest is the April meeting. PCNS members are renowned for their in-depth numismatic knowledge. Please consider sharing that knowledge in the form of a paper for the society! Two papers from 2007 will be carried over into the next PCNS papers publication. The more articles we have, the more feasible a quality publication will be.